

	LOS LUNAS POLICE DEPARTMENT		
	OPERATIONS	NUMBER: OPR.19.01	EFFECTIVE DATE: October 4, 2011
	SUBJECT: Motorcycle Patrol		REVIEW DATE: September 27, 2016
	AMENDS/ SUPERSEDES:		NMSA:
NMMLEPSC STANDARDS:	APPROVED BY CHIEF OF POLICE NAITHAN G. GURULE  Signature		

I. PURPOSE

To establish guidelines for the operation of motorcycle patrol.

II. POLICY

It is the policy of the Los Lunas Police Department to utilize motorcycle patrol to provide an agile, in-traffic vehicle with the primary function of traffic law enforcement and traffic crash investigation. Motor officers will be supervised by the traffic unit supervisor or his designee.

III. PROCEDURE

A. The conditions, limitations and authorization for their usage are as follows

1. Motorcycle patrol is not utilized during periods of inclement weather, which could endanger the safety of the officer, at the discretion of the motorcycle patrol officer or the motorcycle supervisor;
2. Motorcycles are not operated without the use of an approved, properly secured motorcycle helmet;
3. Motorcycles do not carry passengers nor are they used to transport prisoners.
4. Motorcycle patrol is used to supplement the basic patrol function, as necessary.

B. Qualification and Training:

The operation of a police motorcycle requires specialized initial training and ongoing in-service training for safe operation.

1. Must be a traffic unit officer or a designee of the Chief.
2. Must have a valid motorcycle endorsement.
3. Prior to use of the police motorcycle, officers must receive training on the use and function of the police motorcycle.
4. An officer must complete an 80 hour basic police motorcycle operator course in order to participate in escorts or high-speed pursuits.
5. A minimum of 8 hours per month of in-service training is recommended.
6. Every block of Police Motorcycle Training shall be conducted by a certified police motorcycle instructor or monitored by a general police instructor.

C. Maintenance

The condition and maintenance of the motorcycle are the responsibility of the assigned officer. Repairs and maintenance procedures are performed by an approved motorcycle mechanic.

Police Motorcycles are stored at the Los Lunas Police Department or other approved locations. Depending on the circumstances, Police Motorcycle Officers may be allowed to keep their assigned motorcycle at their residence. In all cases, the motorcycle is protected from the elements and all precautions against theft and vandalism are taken.

D. Equipment and Uniform:

The police motorcycle is equipped with emergency lights and siren, two-way police radio and speed measuring device. Additional equipment carried on the motorcycle, at a minimum, is as follows:

1. Orange reflective safety vest;

2. Measuring device;
3. Traffic Accident and Traffic Law Enforcement forms.

Motorcycle officers wear the standard Department uniform, with the following exceptions or additions:

1. Department issued DOT approved helmet;
2. Department issued eye protection, or prescription glasses;
3. Gloves; and
4. Motorcycle-style breeches, boots and shirts.